



Northumberland Association of Local Councils

Dear Colleagues,

County Committee

There will be an electronic meeting of the County Committee on Friday 10 December 2021 at 10.00 am

The ZOOM link is in the accompanying email. The meeting will be recorded, and the link circulated to Members of the Committee. The recording will be deleted two weeks after the meeting.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Rickitt

NALC Chief Officer

2 December 2021

AGENDA

1: Welcome

2: Committee Membership and Appointments

At the time of agenda preparation, there are no candidates for co-option

3: Apologies for Absence

The Chief Officer will give details of any apologies received. Members of the Committee are reminded that if they are unable to attend, a substitute Councillor is welcome but please let the Chief Officer know so that they may be admitted to the meeting.

4: Minutes of the Meeting held on 22 October 2021

To agree the draft minutes as a true record

5: Matters arising, (if not otherwise on the agenda) including

- Election Recharges in Northumberland – The County Council has assured us that a response will sent prior to the meeting
- Dormant Councils - At the date of agenda preparation, responses are awaited from the County Council
- Advance Northumberland – Arrangements are in hand for a briefing

6: Coronavirus

The emergence of the Omicron variant and the reimposition of restrictions in England will impact on Parish Town and Community Councils. Whether DLUHC will legislate for digital meetings is an unknown at the time of agenda preparation. More information may be available by the time of the meeting.

7: Storm Arwen

The Committee may wish to consider any lessons for our sector.

8: Meeting of Newcastle Councils

A verbal report will be given on the meeting arranged for 1 December 2021

9: The Northumberland Local Council Charter

The Committee are asked to consider the draft revisions to the Charter (Version Three) and the accompanying draft survey designed to gain information on the relationship between Parish, Town & Community Councils and their County Councillors.

10: Bus Partnerships

To consider the attached email exchange between Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council and the County Council

11: The County Council's Town & Parish Liaison Working Group

The next digital meeting is scheduled for 6 January 2022 so the agenda will be dispatched before Christmas. The Committee are asked if there are any matters they would wish to see on the agenda but please note that there is an intention to have fewer items to allow for greater discussion.

12: Workshop for Younger Councillors

The Committee are asked to encourage their younger Councillors to provide contact details for a workshop in the spring.

13: Finance

Please see the accompanying report.

14: Issues raised by Committee Members

This is the opportunity for Committee Members to raise matters which may be of general interest affecting Local Councils in Newcastle and Northumberland.

15: National Issues

A verbal update will be provided on key national issues.

16: The Parishes Portal

Some minor changes have been made to improve accessibility.

17: The Briefing Programme September 2021 – February 2022

The following is the current programme and outcomes as at 1015 30 November.

All on-line and starting at 7.00 pm

Ref	Date	Title	Presenter	Bookings	Attendance
1	Thurs 23 Sept	General Introduction to Local Councils	NALC / SER	5	5
2	Tues 5 Oct	Finance and Budgeting for Local Councils	NALC / SER	10	10
3	Thurs 14 Oct	Planning – Permitted Development and Prior Notification	NCC	10	10
4	Tues 26 Oct	Planning – Highway and Rights of Way Issues	NCC	4	Postponed
5	Mon 8 Nov	Common Land and Village Greens	NALC / SER	5	4
6	Mon 22 Nov	Planning -Section 106s and Developer Contributions	NCC	15	9
7	Thurs 25 Nov	Chairing a Local Council	NALC / SER	5	4
8	Wed 8 Dec	Planning - Neighbourhood Plans – Lessons Learnt	NCC	17	
9	Tues 14 Dec	Planning – Conservation Areas	NCC	17	
10	Monday 24 January	Planning - Enforcement	NCC	16	
11	8 February	Planning – Highways and Rights of Way	NCC	10	
12	10 February	Standards	Bethan Evans / NALC	2	

The Committee are asked to identify other topics for briefings during 2022 please.

18: Any Other Urgent Business

Please let the Chairman and Chief Officer know of any items that you wish to raise.

19: Future Meetings of the Committee

It is recommended that the next formal meeting is held on Friday 25 February 2022 at 1000 by Zoom.

It is hoped that single-issue meetings will also be arranged on a number of topics. Illness and other issues have meant it has not been possible to arrange these before now.